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Massachusetts

ols of ~~fr~~ Freetown. By an instantaneous & mighty effort, we can have this whole field as well as not. *It must be made.* Tomorrow I go to Shelburne, next day to Easthampton, Wed. to Westford. Thurs. to Springfield, Friday to Wilbraham, Sat. to Hartford, Sab. to Farmington, Mond. to N. Y.

So far as I have been able to learn, the whole anti-slavery influence this way is with us. We can keep it if we will. Mr. & Mrs. Child are laboring hard to rock the cradle. But it is said the agt here, is pretty dull mettle. I hope to procure an agent for the paper here.

How they will succeed remains to be seen. I shall stir up the old Dr. what I can. Mr. W. informed me he knew the Cradle to have been gotten up in opposition to the Abolitionist, that he made a practice of getting subscribers for it and opposing the Abolitionist what he could. He is not less spiteful than Phillips or Collins. We debated the subject of political action as an anti slavery measure & doctrine, in which he evidently felt great lameness, and came as near as possible to acknowledging himself recreant. He evidently knows he is in the wrong.

Southampton, Sab. Eve. April 28th.

Came hither last evening by stage — have interested one or two, so that I hope they will go to New York. Shall probably get an hundred or two Dollars from Williston, Stoddard, Beck &c towards Wright's compensation. The Liberator, I am told, cannot do much. But the Mrs. Agts are getting in the Cradle by the sheerest fraud. Have been over to a factory village this eve, between got seven subscribers.

Please to send the Abolitionist to the following persons. Thomas Musgrave, Amzi Allen, Desire Hartwell, Mabel Cushing, Jane Wheeler — Northampton; C. B. Johnson, Leonard Nutting — Haydenville

If the ground now occupied by that agent from Framingham is not important, it is probably worth while to send him into some of the ~~#~~ upper counties. If his father will go, better send him out. If the ground be not occupied immediately by us, it will be too late. Do see if you cant get a few good men to take the field this way without delay. Drop a line to C. C. Nich-

Alanson St. Clair

Amherst April 27th 1839.

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Dear Br;-

Delays are dangers, & we have played a loosing game by them this time. Several of the Students who would have taken hold of the paper with their whole heart, have engaged in other matters. I have succeeded in securing the services of only 84, and but two of these during the whole vacation. One of these, Stone, Collins & Johnson had succeeded within one ace of employing as an agent for the Cradle of Liberty alias Despotism. They had generally concluded we should not want them, and gone into other concerns. The following is a list of their names & ~~a list~~ the towns assigned them. I found it impossible to divide them off in sections as I could have wished, because several of them could work but a part of the vacation, and wanted towns where they lived

Wm B. Stone	Northampton, Easthampton, Westhampton, Southampton, Hatfield, Amherst, Hadley, Leavitt, Sunderland
R. P. Wells	Greenfield, Deerfield, Conway, Ashfield, Plainfield, Whateley, Gill, Shelbern, Buckland, Hawley, Charlemont, Williamsburgh
Ebenezer Snell & P. S. Norton	Ware, Belchertown, Enfield, Greenwich, New Braintre, Hardwick, Granby, South Hadley
C. W. Carpenter	Springfield, W. Springfield, Wilbraham, Westfield, Long Meadow

The above are all the towns taken up in the four upper counties. You will see the need, therefore of sending agents into the others as soon as may be. It is probably best to have the committee together without delay, and take order on the subject. The Mss. Agents are as busy as Satan in a gale. Whiting came up to Worcester yesterday in company with me on his way to Hampden Co. I have notified Dr Osgood who & what he is Ryder is also there or to be there.